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CVS Employee Sentenced to 21 Months for Selling Hydrocodone She Stole from Pharmacy

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Patsy H. Jackson, age 60, of Latta, South Carolina, was sentenced Monday, October 3, 2011, in federal court in Florence, South Carolina, for Possession with Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Hydrocodone, commonly known as Loricet, a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1). United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten of Florence sentenced Jackson to 21 months imprisonment and ordered her to pay \$18,862.48 in restitution.

Evidence was presented at the trial to establish that while Jackson was employed at the Mullins CVS pharmacy she stole approximately 30,000 hydrocodone pills between September 2008 and May 2010. Jackson was caught when a CVS Loss Prevention employee detected that a great deal more Loricet was being ordered than was being dispensed. Further evidence was also presented that Jackson was stealing generic hydrocodone and that the hydrocodone would sell for approximately \$300,000 on the street.

The case was investigated by agents of DEA Diversion and DHEC. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II, of the Florence office handled the case.